## **KEEPING LENT**

The Subject of a Most Interesting Discourse Last Night

## BY THE REV. D. W. HOWARD

Rector of St. Matthew's P. E. Church. The Custom the Church in Abstaining From Worldly Pleasures During the Six Weeks Preceding Easter Discussed-Good Advice to the Congregation.

Last night, at St. Matthew's P. E. church, the rector, Rev. David W. Howard, preached upon the topic, "Why Episcopalians Keep Lent," taking for his text these words from Luke, "And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from Jordan, and as led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of

Rev. Mr. Howard's discourse was most interesting. He said:

Our Lord's sojourn at Nasareth was now come to an end. That remarkable period of thirty years of which so little is told us, but which He passed in the discharge of the ordinary duties of a Jew of that day. Obviously to the great mass of mankind, to give the strongest possible assurance to the most numerous class in all ages and countries, that He has fellow feelings with them, and intimate knowledge by experience of their condition, to prove that there is nothing incompatible with the highest attainments of grace, in the simple, lowly life of the peasant and mechanic.

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For thirty years, He has been tasking the hardships and labors of humble life, in an obscure and despised village in an out-of-the-way part of the country, suffering from the presence of evil, from contact with sinners, but so little standing aloof, or separating Himself from common men, that, when a wave of religious feeling passed over the country, and multitudes; attracted by the report of the Baptist's preaching, flocked to the Jordan to be baptized of him, the Lord Jesus also draws near, puts Himself in the position of a sinner, offers Himself for baptism, and overcomes John's reluctance to administer it to Him. The Lord Jesus stoops to be baptized, in all humility, and the moment of His humiliation is chosen by His Father in heaven as the occasion for His public introduction into His high office as the Great Prophet, Priest and King that mankind needed. It is His coronation, inauguration, anointing, a new communication of gifts and graces. His manhood is hereby qualified for the work of the public ministry on which He now enters. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him for Jehovah hath anointed Him to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent Him to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the Gospel to the proor. He hath sent Him to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the Gospel to the poor. He hath sent Him to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the Gospel to the mount of knowledge of this that quickened the hestility of Satan. The amount of knowledge possessed by the even of the Lord.

custom by those who are hostile to the practice.

In answer to all questions and common arguments I would say that the Lenten season affords a much needed opportunity for thought of solemn and sacred subjects. There, withdrawn as much as possible from absorbing material interests, and the mere pleasures of the world, we can commune with our own spirit, conscious of the fact that above us are the angels of God to encourage us, and around us are the forces of Satan, seeking to deceive or beguile or flatter us into defeats. Such is the idea of Lent; and they who grasp this idea are the possessors of the secrets of its proper observance.

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We all recognize the fact that we are living in two worlds—the physical and the spiritual; therefore, we are living two lives, the one putting us in contact with the material universe and its daily arising duties and pleasures; the other charging us with duties and pleasures which belong to the world of spirits, the invisible. Which is man's truer life, Christ has shown us by beginning His ministry amid spiritual surroundings only. He battled first with that hidden adversary, the Devil, before He went out upon His errands of mercy, or spoke His words of truth to this erring world. So long as we are in this world, the things of the world are bound to absorb us to a very great extent. That this is true, there can be no reasonable doubt, else why is life so sweet and pleasure so alluring?

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Turn where we may, business, society, the necessities of our existence, and the captices of our appetites and devices make stern demands upon our time. Men whose lives are full of mental and physical activity, find little strength to grapple with points of moral and spiritual law, and less enthusiasm for calm self-examination.

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which sweeps even the best of us on with more of less ease and satisfaction, we feel lost and dassed. It requires a liftle time to set our bearings, as it were, to look about us and calculate how far we have drifted and what is our present position.

Then sadder reflections come, when we contemplate that fast in the wilderness long years ago, the agony and bloody sweat, the cross and passion, the death which means so much to us; until at last we have the true spirit of Lent in our hearts. And what a peaceful and blessed season it is. How strangely still and beautiful the days seem, when we have shut the world out of our lives, as far as we may, and dedicated ourselves anew to the contemplation of grave and hallowed things.

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Now many matters proper to other seasons of the year, are improper to the Lenten season. Thus we renounce amusements in Lent, and do not frequent places of public entertainment and festivity, not because they are wrong, (for if wrong in Lent, they are of necessity wrong at any time), but because they detract our thoughts from higher, nobler things which we set ourselves to do.

Another objection brought against us, and for which we are styled "like Roman Catholics," is the teaching of the necessity of fasting during Lent, Yes! and we are not willing to allow our Roman brethren a monopoly in the question of self-denial and sacrifice. They know its value, so do we. I think it would be very difficult to show that the people of to-day would be any the worse for a little restriction as to the quality of their food. Fasting, it should be remembered, does not necessarily imply total abstinence. Invalids should not fast, but continue to eat or drink what is good for them. But what is of far more importance to us all, is to fast from sin. We refrain from purchasing luxuries during Lent, and by this act of denial, crucify our wills, that we may have the more to bestow upon the poor, and that our Baster offering may not be unworthy. The age in which we live seems particularly to bear the stamp of the world. So much thought and attention is given to business and pleasure; to thoughts that crowd out all that looks beyond the present hour and its gratification. While here and there we find one who treats the great questions of our times with serious thought, the great majority are frivolous, thoughtless, careless.

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These are facts so plainly manifest that they require no argument to enforce them. And they are facts that prove conclusively that every man, woman and child ought to be led into the wilderness for a time, to take a true account of things; to get at the heart of life; to study one's surroundings; to ascertain how much they have been infuenced by silly, shallow-minded people and their as silly thoughts; to answer the question, Who am 17 Whystand I here? What am I doing here?

Lent Not Church-Bound.

/ Lent Not Church-Bound. You perceive, therefore, that Lent is not for Episcopalians, or for broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

It was some knowledge of this that quickened the hostility of Satan. The amount of knowledge possessed by the serious of knowledge possessed by the serious one must always remain a mystery to us; but doubtless He knew enough to alarm him, enough to make this serious, mullify. Satan, after the fill He must cope with, thwart, cross, resistivents, mullify. Satan, after the fill He must cope with, thwart, cross, resistivents, mullify. Satan, after the fill He must cope with, thwart, cross, resistivents, mullify. Satan, after the fill He must cope with the serious comparatively intensity at Nazareth; but now that He was coming out into prominence, now that He had been designated at His baptism and announced as the Son of God, the enemy of ma-kind sees that he must oppose Him. Satan bars the way when the Messiah would failu enterupon his ministry; and this is the point to which I would direct your attention to-day, viz.: Satan's opposition when God's servanis attempt anything good and how that opposition is to be met.

Christ, consecrated to His ministry by the holy rite of baptism, was immediately led by the Spirit away from things material to things appliant to which the struggle for manhood and for victory over sin. Christ in the wilderness is an illustration of real life. What the wilderness was to Him, so it is to us. If we would understand life's common interests; if we would study what most boncerns humanity; if we would know the nature of the forces that we are to resist of the continue of the forces that we are to resist if we would study what most boncerns humanity; if we would know the nature of the forces that we are to resist of the world, we can commune with our own spirit, consclous for the fact that above us are the angels of God to encourage us, and arount us are the forces of Satan, seeking to deeleve or begulle or fisching Catholics, or even for Christians of any particular name. The requirements of Lent are by no sense church-hound,

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Ask a Christian, Want is your filer and will be answer as many a careleas person must answer: "It is only a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away?" No! He can say: "The life I now live. I live by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Therefore, Christians should be very careful to observe the season of Lent, to keep it thoroughly, earnestly, seriously, that they may lead the world to its Redeemer. Ought not the strong to help the weak? Ought not the thoughtful to help the weak? Ought not the thoughtful to help the frivolous? Ought not the wise to counsel the foolish and lead them away from their follies? Most certainly. It is for this purpose the Christian lives, and, it is to this work of leadership he consecrates his infuence. We are sons of God, and we must do for this world what the Son of God Himself did.

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A great many look upon the observance of the Lenten season as simply a church custom, or a church rule. They the necessities of our existence, and the caprices of our appetites and devices make stern demands upon our time Men whose lives are full of mental and physical activity, find little strength to grapple with points of moral and spiritual law, and less enthusiasm for calm self-examination.

The coming of Leni gives all an opportunity for better, higher and nobler thoughts. It says to the devotee of fashion, to the ambitious seeker after wealth, pause in your pursuits, come saide and rest awhile. It promises rest to the way-worn and weary traveller, It strikes an awful silence through the clanging noises of social dissipations and amusements, and it calls on all to forbear their hot haste for a little, to tarry in the shadow it vouchsafes to them that they may reflect.

Perhaps it is not strange that many of us should dread the long communion with our naked souls which we are supposed to hold at this time. It is a supposed to hold at this time. It is a spire to the season as one of rest from the galeties of life, which well be taken up with greater interest when Lent is over. Where these ideas prevail, it is very natural that many presons should make of it a sham. They infini its patients on obey durch rules. Others there sate to be regulated according to one's inclination to obey church rules. Others there should be taken up with greater interest when Lent is over. Where these ideas prevail, it is very natural that many presons should make of it a sham. They infini its patient on obey church rules. Others there say look upon the galeties and frequent services as matters that are to be regulated according to one's inclination to obey church rules. Others there say look upon the galeties and frequent services as matters that are to be regulated according to one's inclination to obe yourch rules. Others there say look upon the galeties of life, which we late the patient of cold upon the season as one of rest from the galeties of life, which we late the patient of cold upon the season as one of rest from the galetie consider its fastings and self-denials

is enforced. A Christian is supposed to be a noble creature, not a cringing stave. He is bound to his Mastre by love, not by a chain. The Spirit of God would lead him up into the wilderness, but willingly and for a purpose. Grasp the true idea of Lent, as I am trying to outline it, and you cannot show me a Christian in this parish, or in this love, no matter by what name that Christian is known, who will be suilty of doing any one of these things during the time when the church, burdered with the responsibility to lift the world out of its sins and its follies and its failings, is trying to lead them up into the wilderness and out of List and its failings, is trying to lead them up into the wilderness make them better men and women. It is not in the nature of things, it is ridiculous even to imagine that one on whose brow has been impressed the sign of the cross, and who caimly and earnestly has knelt before the altar to ask the blessing of God's Chief Pastor upon the confirmation vows, in recognition of the fact that there is a life higher than the material, and interests greater than those of time, and souls more precious than bodjes, and that the life is more than meat—I say it is simply ridiculous to imagine that such an one would hinder or destroy in any way the influence of the living invitation which the church extends to all to be led up into the wilderness, to learn life's greatest lessons and gain the secret of holy life.

Beloved brethren, does not this thought reveal to us our duty during this Lenten season? Let me change that word duty to privilege—does it not show us our privilege?

Need I tell you that it ought not to be a question whether those who are Christ's servants shall keep Lent? The only question ought to be whether we shall make the community in which we live keep it also. We can, if we will. You have some thoughtess friends. You can make that friend thoughtrul fy our will take with you your dearons; the own was an devent body of Christians. Yours is a noble opportunity—if you will take

Satan, and stand firm against his tempting voice.

Standing, but yet on the threshold of a season laden with so many blessings to the devout and the pentient, I ask you to unite your influence with your pastor's during six short weeks to give this community a true idea of what the church wants to do for humans souls.

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I ask you to attend regularly the appointed services, and in bringing others, be God's workmen to lead them up into the wilderness.

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Refuse all entertainments and amusements that you may dwell upon deeper thoughts, and be busy about nobler duties. In your hours or moments of retire-nent read, meditate, pray, listen, think,

and then act.

### THE LENTEN SEASON.

It Was Inaugurated Yesterday, Ash Wednesday-Church Observance.

Lent was ushered in yesterday with Lent was ushered in yesterday with Ash Wednesday, and during the forty days ensuing, ending with Easter, the season will be one of penance and fasting among the orthodox members of the Catholic and Episcopal churches. During the day services were held at St. Luke's, St. Matthew's and St. Andrew's P. E. churches, and at the several Catholic churches, which were generally largely attended.

In the Roman Catholic church certain rules and regulations are laid down which must be followed by all consistent members of that denomination.

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In the Protestant Episcopal church there are no fixed rules or regulations garding Lent, but each member of the Episcopal church is expected to deny himself some luxury, amusement or some favorite pastime. While this is not compulsory, it is generally observed.

#### In Clerk Robertson's Office. Yesterday, in Clerk Robertson's office,

the following were recorded: Deed, made February 15. Alonzo and Sue L. Edwards and others Alongo and Sue L. Edwards and others to Solomon Addieman; consideration, \$3,000; transfers lot 105 on South Huron street, in Daniel Zane's addition. Deed, made May 1, 1884; by G. A. Kyle and wife to John A. Barr; consid-

Ryle and whe to John A. Barr, coals privileges at Triadelphia.

Deed made September 14, 1899; by C. W. F. Stocker and wife to William Mangel; consideration, \$1,025; transfers part of lot 14 in square 9, in Sprigg & Wishles Ritchie's addition.

Deed made March 24, 1899; by R. F.

Burt and wife, to C. W. Burt; consideration, \$750; transfers a lot in the town

of Dallas, in Triadelphia district.

Deed made February 28, 1900, by Elizabeth and Benedict Imhoff to John J.

Kamm; consideration, \$1,900; transfers est twenty-five feet of lot 54, Zane's addition, Maryland street, Island. One deed of trust was recorded

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The Woman's Musical Club, will give one of its enjoyable open concerts next Monday evening, at I. O. O. F. hall, to which the pubic is invited.

The Married People's Dancing Club will meet at the Arion hall this eve-

Miss Maud Bullard entertains the Island Pedro Club this evening, at her home, on South York street.

Miss Adn Lee Freeze will entertain club friends at her home, on Twenty-fourth street, on Friday evening.

The United Presbyterian ladies give a social and entertainment at the church, on Chapline street, to-morrow evening.

### BIG NIGHT FOR PYTHIANS.

Newly Elected Officers of the Uniform Rank Companies Installed-A Sword Presented to Captain Schafer, of Couer de Leon Company The Banquet.

A joint installation of the recently elected officers of the three local companies of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, occurred last night at the Pythian Castle, and it was the occasion of a large turnout despite the rain. The eremony was the first of its kind in this city, heretofore each company's installation occurring separately, and around it centred other interesting features, including a sword presentation to Captain R. E. Schafer, inspection of the companies and a banquet and love feast.

The officers installed were as follows Couer de Leon Company No. 1-Captain, R. E. Schafer; first lieutenant John Medick; second lieutenant, J. B. Thomas; guard, W. C. Thomas, sentinel, J. B. Crawford, jr.; recorder, Richard McClure; treasurer, George ner; executive committee, Col. G. H. Medick, J. F. Kull, Col. W. F. Vogt, Paul Falck, James Maxwell,

Col. Bernard Shanley Company No. 21.-Captain, F. B. Lisby; first lieutenant, W. H. Rose; second lieutenant, Edward Grosscurth; guard, B. W. Connelly; sentinel, Will Wagner; recorder, August Kindelberger; treasurer, H. W. Taylor; executive committee, Ed. Hug-gins, Will Elig, Robert Huston, Louis

Harttong, Jr., Jesse Rose.

James T. McGee Company No. 29.—
Captain, G. W. Weisgerber; first lieutenant, W. M. Windsor; second lieuten. ant, James Ralston; guard, Charles Drayer; sentinel, Edward Schul; recor der, George Kurner; treasurer, Samuel Hanes.

Couer de Leon's officers were installed by Colonel Vogt; Bernard Shanley's, by Col. W. P. Megrail, and James T. Mc Gee's, by Major James T. McGee. Following this, the three companies were drawn up in line and inspected by Brigadier General James H. Lancaster, Colonel Charles H. Geiger and Major James T. McGee.

At a convenient period, General Lan caster, acting on behalf of the members of Couer de Leon company, presented a handsome sword to Captain Schafer, as a token of the esteem his company entertains for him, and after he had recovered from his surprise, the recipien stammered forth a heart-felt grateful

The banquet, which was served in the auditorium, was a large affair, and the long line of tables was bountifully laden. There were many addresses bristling with true Pythian sentiments and it was long after midnight before the gathering dispersed.

Among the big guns of the Pythian army in attendance, were Brigadier General Lancaster and the following members of his staff: Col. G. H. Medick, Col. W. P. Megrail, Col. W. F. K. Vogt, Col. D. Z. Phillips; Col. C. H. Geiger and staff, including Captain Galia ior McGee and staff, including Lieutenant Ed. J. Muhn, Lieutenant Harry Garden and Lieutenant J. W. Norring-

Battery A, of the Uniform Rank, re cently organized, did not figure in the joint installation, as its officers were installed when the battery was instituted a few weeks ago.

## A Gold Medal Contest.

A gold medal and silver medal contest will be held in the Third Presbyterian church this evening at 8 o'clock. The following is the programme:

Prayer, by Mrs. C. H. Watkins; quar-

tette, Messrs, Flading, Gundling, Miller and Arkle; Contestant No. 1, elocution, "Strong Drink is Raging"; Contestant No. 1, musical, "Can a Boy Forget His Mother?"; Contestant No. 2, elocution, "The Rum Maniac"; Conrestant No. 2, musical, Like as a Father Pitles His Children"; Contestant No. 3, elocution, "Swore Off"; Contestant No. 3, musical, "All Around the World"; Contestant No. 4, elocution, "Two Fires"; Contestant No. 4, musical, "The Plains of Peace"; Contestant No. 5, elocution, "The Converted Rumseller"; etiring of the judges; solo, Miss Susan Berger; awarding of medals and pre-sentation speech, Rev. Jesse Henry Martin of Allegheny, Pa.; benediction, Rev. R. R. Bigger.

#### Progressive Euchre Party at the City Hospital Loan Exhibition.

here will be a progressive cuchre y for ladies and gentlemen at the n Exhibit, THURSDAY EVEN, from 8 to 10 o'clock. All are in-1. Players will be charged only 25

ents each. General adimssion to the Exhibit, 25 ents. Art Gallery, 10 cents extra. Ice cream, cake and cigars. FAMILY WASHING.

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## AMUSEMENTS.

The many friends of Mr. Laurance Wheat, who won distinction as a member of The Players in its palmy days, will be pleased to learn that he is achieving success on the professional stage. Recently he joined the "Mamoriselle "Opkins" company, and has too, there were two large audiences played before audiences in Philadel-phia, Boston and New York. Monday night the company opened an engage-ment at the Victoria theatre, in New Speaking of Mr. Wheat's York City. ork in the dramatic musical specialty, polly," the Morning Telegraph of Tuesday says:

This was one of the most feverishly applauded numbers of the piece. It was sung and acted by Mamie Gilroy. Laurance Wheat and the female chorus. In a most captivating way. Young Mr.
Wheat, I learned in the lobby, is a
brother of Mme. Kate Rolla, and he
undoubtedly possesses in very great
measure the talent of his accomplished Although his part in this song was about all he had to do, it was so very well done that he merits un-divided praise." Good boy, Larry!

"The Limited Mail."

"The Limited Mail," which opens three nights' engagement at the Gran Opera House Monday evening, March 5, is the oldest scenic railroad produc-tion before the public. It has received more favor than any of its imitators. The company this year is the strongest brought together since the play's inception, and is headed by Beatrice, dancer, singer and acrobat. The piece's under the personal direction of the author and Elmer E. Vance. The dialogue en re-written, new music added, owner, Elmer E. Vance. ery re-painted. The mechanical and electrical effects are all of the author's

## "A Milk White Flag."

Author Boyt has made several changes in the dialogue and situations in his comedy, "A Milk White Flag," and it goes without saying that he has improved it. Several scenes and speeches have been eliminated, and material pertinent to the piece substituted. It sparkies with wit, pretty girls galore participate in its action, and effects that border on the spectacular are introduced. As is well known, it is a satire on the militia, and an extremely diverting piece of work. Theatre-goers who desire unlimited and harmless fun will do well to see "A Milk White Flag," which comes to the Opera Hossi Wednesday evening, March 7, Reserved seat sale opens Tuesday morning, at the Opera House box office.

## Special for To-night.

Notwithstanding it was the first day of Lent, and a very disagreeable day, witness sterling dramatic performances by the Peruchi-Beldini company, "Two Orphans" was admirably presented isst night, the audience being fairly carried night, the audience being fairly carried away by the excellence of the action. The mattines bill to-day will be "The Little Wildent." To-night "A Western Romance" will be presented, and all the specialties will be introduced. Miss Lillian Anderson, of Wheeling Island, who has just closed an engagenen with the Charles Mortimer Company, will give a song and dance and raftime cake-walk act with Mr. Frederich Dilger.

## SECRETARY ROOT

Going to Cuba to Observe Conditions There.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.-Secretary Root to-day announced his intestion of making a flying trip to Cuba. wishes to make a personal, though necessarily short and cursory examinat of present conditions, both political and industrial. In the island. approaching for the holding of the critical point in the career of the em-byro nation, the secretary desires to give it the closest attention. In Ha-vana General Wood, the military gov-ernor, is beset by many questions of the gravest importance, requiring im-mediate answers, and it is the intention of Secretary Root to save correspond. mediate answers, and to save correspondence. Secretary Root to save correspondence, and by his personal appearance ence, and by his personal appearance ence. and advice enable these matters to be appendily disposed of. He will leave here

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